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Letter from his daughter

Dear Gib —

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My Darling Father,

We left Clapham early last Saturday morning, and reached Southampton about 1/2 past 10 & went on board & found our Cabin - deposited all our small traps. and then went on shore again to get something to eat, we went to the S. Western Hotel. and had a very fair lunch & secured a compagnie for taking on board. at 2 o'clock we sailed - and at 4 we had dinner - and at 7 we went to bed fairly worn out with the day — we have had so hard to leave our precious Children - but thank God we can look on the bright side and know they are best cared for there they are & when Saturday comes as we shall have to it will! to go on Tuesday our day.

Sunday Carrie — and Willie

it
a very uncomfortable ocean
so that everybody was ill —
Harry was so bad that he did
not get up till night — and I
also did not get up till dinner
time — but I believe if I had
not had such a terrible throat
I should have been very jolly —
even today it is very bad, and
Harry has spoken to the Dr —
I have been spitting blood for
I came on board, and
the back of my throat is all raw
& bleeding I never had anything
so horrible — and I never suffered
so much — bad as
on Monday the sea calmed less
violent — although we were in
the Bay of Biscay — but passengers
suffered until we left it, and
now we are along the coast of
Portugal and the sea is like a
lake. So calm & so blue —
We have General Hemrich William
on board — and he is now to be
Governor of Gib — and so over ship
is going as as possible today
slow

a that we may get into Gib. in the morning - instead of tonight so we suppose there will be "Flowers" doings' - which I will tell you in my next -
We intend to go on shore -
The weather here is very hot. but very delightful - I believe you would enjoy it exceedingly -
Fanny never was ill before at sea. and there are a good many passengers like him, so I suppose the peculiar smell is more difficult to bear -
The sickness though has done him wonders of good -
I hope dear Father you still improve, I need not tell you how I think of you, and of all my darlings at home or rather my old home (Lyme Dr)
This letter although containing but little news, will be welcome and I shall promise to send you more accounts. after I have been to market in Gib, tomorrow —